



Plankinton Avenue Reconstruction Project Information Update February 22, 2011

Plans are being finalized for the rehabilitation of Plankinton Avenue between Wisconsin Avenue and Wells Street. The purpose of this document is to provide information about those plans to residents and businesses most closely affected by the construction.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What work is going to be done on Plankinton between Wisconsin and Wells?

A: The project will begin with underground utility work. The sewer work will take place first. A sewer main will be installed along the center of Plankinton Avenue from Wells St to approximately 175' south of Wells St. Shortly after the sewer main is installed, the water main work will commence. A major water main will be installed the full length of the street. This work involves installing the water main piping, making various large branch service connections to buildings, completing pressure tests of the mains and water sample tests. After the sewer and water work is completed, street construction will commence. The street construction includes replacement of curb and gutter, driveway approaches, and some sidewalks and reconstruction of the roadway within existing widths with concrete pavement.

Q. What is the schedule of the work?

A. The work will be phased to accommodate St. Patrick Day celebrations. The winter weather delayed consideration of an earlier start for the underground utility work. The sewer work is scheduled to start February 25th and be completed by March 11th. No work will be performed from between March 11 and March 21 for St. Patrick's Day celebrations. The water main work is expected to start on March 21st and take until the end of May, 2011. The street and sidewalk construction is scheduled to begin shortly thereafter and be completed by late August 2011.

Q. How will the St. Patrick's parade take place if the street is under construction?

A. The contractor will backfill the sewer trench and place cold-weather asphalt to provide a smooth and safe surface for parade participants. The contractor will also remove all construction equipment from the site between March 11 and March 21.

Q. Will the road remain open to traffic during construction?

A. Yes. Northbound traffic will remain open throughout construction. During the first phase of the paving contract, the westerly two-thirds of the street will be closed and one lane northbound will remain open. During the second phase of the roadwork, the east one-third of the street will be closed and northbound traffic will remain open on the newly constructed roadway.

Q. Will parking be allowed on the street during construction?

A. No, all parking will be removed from the street during construction.

Q. What about driveway and alley access?

A. Access to driveways and alleys will be maintained. Temporary restrictions affecting access due to construction will be coordinated with the affected stakeholders.

Q. What about pedestrian access?

Pedestrian access to buildings and businesses will be maintained. As sidewalk is removed and before new sidewalk has been poured, gravel will be compacted to provide safe pedestrian access.

Q. What about the bus routes on Plankinton?

A. Because one-way North bound traffic will remain on Plankinton, the current bus routes will also remain on the street. If the Milwaukee County Transit System must move a route temporarily due to construction activities, they will post signs regarding the change.

Q: How will stakeholders be kept informed about upcoming construction plans? And who do we contact with questions or concerns?

A. The City has assigned a public information liaison to keep you informed of construction activities. You will be invited to attend meetings and receive newsletters and email updates. The public information liaison is Jenann Olsen. She can be reached via email at Jenann.Olsen@att.net or phone (414-271-6908).

Jenann will be your primary contact because we want you to be able to make one call and get your question answered or your concern addressed. The DPW on-site inspector during the sewer work will be Kelly Reith. For general project information, call Jenann at 271-6908. If you have immediate, specific concerns about construction work, call Kelly at 708-5347.

Q. On a related project, what's happening with the Wisconsin Avenue bridge?

A. Currently the rehabilitation of the Wisconsin Avenue Bridge is being advertised for bids by the WisDOT and bids will be opened on March 15th. The bridge is scheduled to be closed on or after October 3, 2011 and is scheduled to be opened on or before August 3, 2012.